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SUBJ: HARAR EYE CLINIC

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1. USAID DIRECTOR LYMAN HAS NOW RETURNED TO ADDIS AND TELLS US HE HAD NO CONTACT WITH DR. LAWRENCE KING WHILE IN WASHINGTON. WE THEREFORE STILL PRETTY MUCH IN DARK ABOUT WHAT KING HAS IN MIND. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF AF/E OR AID/W WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH KING SOONEST AND TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT HIS PROPOSAL IS. (FYI. KING DID RAISE POSSIBILITY OF AID ASSISTANCE FOR A MOBILE CLINIC SCHEME WITH LYMAN WHILE HERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT AFTER MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH INDICATED TO USAID THAT PROPOSAL WOULD NEED BE CONSIDERABLY REVISED TO MEET MOH PRIORITIES. NO PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY USAID. END FYI.)

2. IN DISCUSSING IEF'S INTENTIONS, DEPT SHOULD ALSO RAISE MATTER OF FUNDS. UNDER THEIR AGREEMENT, IEF PROVIDED FUNDS FOR RENTAL OF QUARTERS IN HARAR. THESE FUNDS ARE NOW REACHING POINT OF EXHAUSTION AND IF NO FURTHER FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING, QUARTERS WILL PRESUMABLY REVERT TO ETHIOPIANS IN LATE MARCH, AS ONLY DOLS 259 REMAIN AND MARCH RENT IS STILL UNPAID. IN ADDITION, HOUSE-HOLD HELP CANNOT BE PAID FOR MARCH.

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3. COMMENT: AS TIME PASSES AND IEF THINKS UP NEW GAMBITS, I CANNOT HELP BUT BELIEVE THAT IEF IS BASICALLY STALLING, PERHAPS IN HOPE THAT IF THEY STALL LONG ENOUGH, THIS EMBASSY WILL STOP BOTHERING THEM. IN FACT, DESPITE MY OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE HARAR CLINIC CONTINUE IN BELIEF THAT IT WAS A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND AN OUT-

STANDING AMERICAN HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PRESENCE HERE,
I HAVE NO WISH TO FLOG A DEAD HORSE. IF DEPT AND AID/W
SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING POSITIVE FROM IEF'S NEWEST
PROPOSAL (ASSUMING THAT IS ONLY WAY IEF WILL AGREE REMAIN
HERE), I HOPE WE CAN PURSUE IT VIGOROUSLY PROVIDED IT DOES
NOT CALL FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO OPERATE IN HINTERLAND AROUND
HARAR, AN AREA THAT NOW HAS SECURITY PROBLEMS, AS DEPT AWARE.
IF, HOWEVER, OPPOSITE CONCLUSION IS REACHED, THEN I BELIEVE WE
SHOULD IN FACT DROP WHOLE MATTER AND THAT IEF SHOULD TELL EPMG
THAT IT HAS NO WISH CONTINUE ON IN HARAR (WITHOUT SHIFTING BLAME
TO ANY USG AGENCY).
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